

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system comprising:  
~~a digital camera having a battery and a memory capable of storing digital images; and~~  
a data storage including ~~an adapter~~ a docking station on which ~~the~~ a digital camera ~~is to~~ can be laid down placed for transmitting ~~the~~ the digital images ~~of the~~ stored in a memory of the digital camera to the ~~adapter~~ docking station and for receiving electric power from the ~~adapter~~ docking station to charge ~~the~~ a battery of the digital camera, the data storage further including a storage medium that stores the transmitted digital images; and transmitted from the memory through the adapter, a detector that detects a signal from the adapter to start the transmission of the digital images,  
a controller that controls the transmission of the digital images from the digital camera and the charging of the digital camera battery so that the charging and the transmission do not occur at the same time ~~generates a termination signal informing of the termination of the digital image transmission to cause an automatic start of the charging of the battery from the adapter.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising the ~~a~~ digital camera ~~having~~ including a manually operable power switch that switches the digital camera between an operative state and an inoperative state.
3. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to claim 2, wherein the ~~data storage~~ controller ~~is designed to cause the automatic start~~ starts of the charging of the digital camera battery regardless of the manual operation of the digital camera power switch between the operative state and the inoperative state.

4. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to ~~claim 1~~claim 2, wherein the ~~data-storage controller is designed to transmit a signal to~~causes the digital camera ~~for switching the digital camera to~~switch from the operative state to the inoperative state.

5. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to claim 4, wherein the controller causes the digital camera ~~is designed to be switched from the operative state to the inoperative state in response to the signal transmitted from the data storage before~~the controller causes the digital camera battery to be charged.

6. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to ~~claim 1~~claim 2, wherein the ~~data-storage controller is designed to switch~~switches the digital camera from the operative state to the inoperative state ~~with~~subsequent to completion of the transmission of the digital images ~~completed.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to the claim 1, wherein the ~~adapter~~docking station has an indicator that indicates ~~the~~ information relevant to the charge to the battery.

8. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, further comprising a battery detector that detects ~~the~~a kind of battery ~~which~~within the digital camera ~~has.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system comprising:  
a digital camera having a memory capable of storing digital images and a manually operable power switch that switches the digital camera between an operative state and an inoperative state; ~~and~~

a data storage including ~~an adapter~~a docking station on which the digital camera ~~is to~~can be laid downplaced for transmitting the digital images of the digital camera

memory to the ~~adapter~~docking station, a storage medium that stores the digital images transmitted from the digital camera memory ~~through~~from the ~~adapter~~docking station; and \_\_\_\_\_ a ~~detector that detects~~controller that receives a signal from the ~~adapter~~docking station to ~~start~~receive the transmission of the digital images, and ~~after the digital images transmission is terminated, the~~ controller ~~that generates a termination signal informing of the termination of the digital image transmission to cause an automatic~~automatically causes a switching of the digital camera from the operative state to the inoperative state without the manual operation of the power switch.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~digital image storage system~~ for use with digital images, comprising:

a ~~digital camera having a battery and a memory capable of storing digital images;~~

~~an adapter~~a docking station on which ~~the~~a digital camera is ~~to~~can be laid ~~down~~placed for transmitting ~~the~~ digital images ~~of the~~stored in a memory of the digital camera to the ~~adapter~~docking station and for receiving electric power ~~from the adapter~~ to charge ~~the~~a battery of the digital camera while the digital camera is placed on the docking station; and

\_\_\_\_\_ a storage medium that stores the digital images transmitted from the memory through the adapter;

\_\_\_\_\_ a ~~detector that detects a signal from the adapter to start the transmission of the~~ digital images;

a controller that controls the transmission of the digital images from the digital camera and the charging of the digital camera battery so that the charging and the transmission do not occur at the same time~~generates a termination signal informing of the termination of the digital image transmission to cause an automatic start of the charging of the battery from the adapter.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system comprising:

a digital camera having a memory capable of storing digital images and a manually operable power switch that switches the digital camera between an operative state and an inoperative state;

~~an adapter~~ a docking station on which ~~the~~ a digital camera ~~is to~~ can be laid ~~down~~ placed for transmitting the digital images of the digital camera memory to the adapter docking station;

a storage medium that stores the digital images transmitted from the digital camera memory through the adapter docking station; and

~~a detector that detects a signal from the adapter to start the transmission of the digital images; and~~

a controller that receives a signal from the docking station to receive the transmission of the digital images, and after the digital images transmission is terminated, the controller generates a termination signal informing of the termination of the digital image transmission to cause an automatic automatically causes a switching of the digital camera from the operative state to the inoperative state without the manual operation of the power switch.

12. (New) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the controller controls the transmission of the digital images and the charging of the battery so that the charging of the battery is started after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

13. (New) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the controller automatically starts the charging of the battery after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

14. (New) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the controller starts the charging of the battery after a predetermined period of time has passed after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

15. (New) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, further comprising a detector that detects a start of the transmission of the digital images.

16. (New) The digital image storage system according to claim 15, wherein the detector includes a mechanical contact and a sensor.

17. (New) The system according to claim 10, further comprising a digital camera having a battery and a memory capable of storing digital images.

18. (New) The system according to claim 17, further comprising a storage medium that stores the transmitted digital images from the digital camera memory through the docking station.

19. (New) The system according to claim 10, wherein the controller controls the transmission of the digital images and the charging of the battery so that the charging of the battery is started after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

20. (New) The system according to claim 10, wherein the controller automatically starts the charging of the battery after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

21. (New) The system according to claim 10, wherein the controller starts the charging of the battery after a predetermined period of time has passed after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

22. (New) The system according to claim 10, further comprising a detector that detects a start of the transmission of the digital images.

23. (New) The system according to claim 22, wherein the detector includes a mechanical contact and a sensor.